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CAP/NMCI Working Together to Make It Work



More departments and agencies are migrating

towards a seat management system that standardizes computer systems and controls the electronic environment of each user. Such a system allows for maximum security, cost efficiency, and convenient networking within the department.

The Department of the Navy (DON) is currently in the process implementing an example of seat management through their informational infrastructure called the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) that will provide "universal, secure, and interoperable information technology." This new network will ultimately provide seamless and secure communication throughout all facilities. In such a secure seat management system, all software and hardware associated with a user must be distributed electronically by a central source. This includes the use of assistive technology for NMCI users with disabilities, allowing them to access and use information in the NMCI environment.



Sailor working on NMCI Seat located in Norfolk, Virginia.

CAP has been working closely with NMCI to ensure that assistive technology can be integrated into the enterprise system. Before seat management, CAP was able to procure any assistive technology necessary for Navy employees. CAP will continue to provide assistive technology to Navy employees; however, the method of procurement and distribution will be changing as necessary to support NMCI.

CAP has recommended certain applications that have the most versatile and functional uses for employees with disabilities. These applications have been submitted for testing to ensure they do not compromise the secure NMCI environment. If they pass, they are certified on NMCI and CAP can continue to procure these applications for Navy employees. These applications can be distributed either electronically through a central source or through a local installation.



Computer/Electronic
Accommodations
Program

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A list of assistive technology certified and validated for local installation on NMCI is located at www.nmci-isf.com/downloads/userinfo/Assistive_Technology.pdf. The list includes: Dragon Naturally Speaking 6.1/7.0, JAWS for Windows 4.51, Zoomtext Extra Level 2 version 7.1/8.0. The list also includes a variety of hardware.

Current users of the approved software can continue to use their applications on the NMCI network; however, NMCI is working with CAP to rollover each of these users to an enterprise application where they will receive their software electronically.

Navy employees with disabilities that need assistive technology can contact CAP to submit a request or complete an online assessment. CAP's online assessment process will direct Navy employees to NMCI certified applications.

For more information, please contact the CAP/NMCI Point of Contact, Claudette Tan at claudette.tan@tma.osd.mil, 703-998-0800 x27 (Voice) or 703-681-0881 (TTY).

For more information from NMCI, please contact the NMCI Help Desk at 1-866-THE-NMCI or 1-866-843-6624 or online at www.nmci-isf.com/userinfo.asp

CAPTEC Corner

Each year, CAPTEC conducts a series of Demonstration Days to provide our customers with timely information on a variety of disability and accommodations issues. These Demonstration Day events include demonstrations of new assistive technologies; one recently acquired piece of technology which has generated much interest from our customers is the Liberty Solo portable CCTV.



Liberty Solo Portable CCTV.

This device provides options for magnification of hard-copy materials to individuals who travel frequently as part of their job duties. The Liberty Solo was recently provided to a senior Pentagon manager who typically travels 20 days each month. You can find more information about the Liberty Solo at www.tricare.osd.mil/cap/services/services_acc_assist_tech_detail.cfm?TechType=8&TechID=2967.

Upcoming CAPTEC Events

- March 2004 – We will focus on CAP's Healthy Work Practices Program
- July 2004 – We will present on how the employment of people with disabilities can assist federal agencies to "Get to Green" on the Human Capital Scorecard.
- August 2004 – A webcast training event on the CAP Accommodations Process and CAP services

As the time for these scheduled events draws near, you can find detailed information at the Spotlight area of the main CAP webpage (www.tricare.osd.mil/cap). If you have questions or would like more information about CAPTEC, please call 703-693-5160 (voice), 703-693-6189 (TTY) or email Michael.Young@tma.osd.mil.

Calling All College Students With Disabilities: CAP Staff On the Road

Paul Singleton, CAP's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Team Leader visited Rochester, New York to interview approximately 45 college students with disabilities at the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT)/ National Technical Institute of the Deaf (NTID). For ten years a CAP staff member has traveled to interview students with disabilities as a part of the Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) for College Students with Disabilities. WRP is co-sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy.

Federal agency recruiters held interviews from January to March 2004 at 200 universities throughout the country. Based on their qualifications and positions available, over 300

students are expected to be hired for summer internships at numerous government agencies. Federal government agencies such as Department of Labor, DoD and Department of Agriculture are all prepared to employ a number of students this summer.

CAP will accommodate the interns, providing assistive technology equipment and services to WRP students hired under the program. Accommodations can be requested at www.tricare.osd.mil/cap/programs_wrp.cfm. WRP hopes to give participants a successful summer work experience. A WRP CD-ROM identifying the students will be available in March to all Federal government agencies.

If you are a qualified student with a disability or know someone who may be interested in participating in the WRP, please contact Paul Meyer at meyer-paul@dol.gov. For additional information on the WRP program, please visit www.dol.gov/odep/programs/workforc.htm.

New Technology Unveiled at ATIA

During January 14-17, 2004, CAP presented, exhibited and attended the Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA) Conference held in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. CAP staff members were able speak with vendors and see new innovative technology while visiting the exhibit. We encourage our customers, supervisors, and managers to take part in various conferences in order to stay abreast of the changing information in technology for people with disabilities. New technologies include:

- HeadMouse Extreme – the next generation of the head mouse; extremely small, light and fast. The new HeadMouse provides all of the performance and control of the original in a new tightly integrated package. With simplified cabling, greatly reduced power consumption, additional operating modes, and multiple mounting options, the new HeadMouse can be used to control almost any computer or augmentative communication device. The HeadMouse Extreme is one of the most useful and flexible head-controller access systems available. (www.orin.com)
- Gemini Print and Braille Embosser- prints Braille and ink simultaneously on the same page. The next thing you'll notice is what's gone—embossing noise. Gemini is so quiet you won't need to exile it to a closet or a sound-muffling cabinet. (www.braille.com/gem.htm)
- Video Magnifier (Assist Vision Slider) – a new, all-in-one portable video magnifier, has all the benefits of a desktop magnifier with additional portability features. Ideal for reading, writing and distance viewing. (www.times.ne.jp/index_e.html)

Letter to the Editor

The editor is allotting space for CAPtions readers to express their opinions on articles. If you wish



to write a letter and share your thoughts with CAPtions, please send an e-mail to Darlene.Avery@tma.osd.mil. Be advised, letters may be edited to meet space, clarity or style requirements.

Good Day,

We received our multi-media, self-running, interactive CAP CD this week, and I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for your assistance. We have once again had a pleasurable and helpful interaction with CAP. It continues to be a pleasure to do business with your organization.

Thank you everyone at CAP, for all that you do.

*Sincerely,
CAP Customer, 1/21/04*

Calendar of Events

- Mar 15-20, 2004* CSUN 19th Annual Conference
"Technology and Persons with Disabilities," Los Angeles, CA
<http://www.csun.edu/cod/>, (818) 677-2578 (V)
- Mar 17-20, 2004 Learning Disabilities Association of America
41st Annual International Conference, Atlanta, GA
<http://www.ldanatl.org/conf/index.html>
- Mar 23-25, 2004 FOSE, Washington, DC
<http://www.fose.com/>, (800) 791-3673 (V)
- Apr 12, 2004* CAP Training, Vicksburg, MS
Latasha.A.Burds@mvk02.usace.army.mil (601) 631-5065
- Apr 16-18, 2004 Abilities Expo 2004, N Bethesda, MD
<http://www.abilitiesexpo.com/nymetro/index.asp>, (202) 314-4713 (V/TTY)
- Apr 22, 2004* CAP Training, Detroit, MI
RhodesM@tacom.army.mil, (313) 226-3534 (V)
- Apr 30, 2004 Total Access For Everyone Now, Hartford, CT
<http://www.neatmarketplace.org/>, (860) 243-2869 (V)
- May 11-12, 2004* ADA Symposium 2004 Kansas City, KS
<http://www.adaproject.org/>

* Visit CAP at these events

